

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

--1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended): The security device of claim + 27 wherein the locking device telescopically engages the elongate arm and is securable to the arm at a selected one of a plurality of locations along the length of the arm when in the engagement position.

3. (previously amended): The security device of claim 2 wherein the arm includes a plurality of ratchet teeth spaced along a length thereof, and said locking device has a pawl movable between a locked position in which the pawl engages a selected one of the ratchet teeth thereby preventing movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other, and an unlocked position in which the pawl is disengaged from the ratchet teeth such that the first and second restraining members can be moved away from each other, the pawl being spring loaded to permit the locking device to be telescoped onto the arm while preventing it to be removed therefrom when the locking device is in the locked position.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended): The security device of claim + 30 wherein a hole is defined through a portion of one of said first and second securing members for receiving a shaft to secure the first or second member to a support surface, the hole being positioned so that it is located between the component and the support surface when the security device is used to secure the component to the support surface.

6. (currently amended): The security device of claim + 27 including a cable attached to one of the securing members for connecting the security device to a structure.

7. (original): A security device for securing a substantially rectangular box-shaped component that is defined by spaced- apart cover and base walls with four side-walls extending at least partially between four respective edges of the cover and base walls, pairs of the sidewalls meeting at four corners of the component, the security device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member for engaging a first corner of the component, and an elongate arm extending from the first restraining member; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member for engaging a second corner of the component that is diagonal to the first corner, and a releasable locking device for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other when in an engagement position;

the first and second restraining members each including spaced apart cover wall and base wall engagement members, and a pair of spaced apart side-wall engagement members for engaging the cover wall, base wall, and a pair of side-walls, respectively, at the first and second corners, respectively, to restrain movement of the component relative to the security device when in the locked position.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original): The security device of claim 7 wherein the spaced apart side-wall engagement members of the first restraining member extend substantially parallel to each other from the base wall engagement member thereof, and the elongate arm extends from the base wall engagement member of the first restraining member substantially transverse to the side-wall engagement member thereof; and wherein the spaced apart side-wall engagement members of the second restraining member extend substantially parallel to each other from the base wall engagement member thereof.

Claims 10-16 (cancelled)

17. (currently amended): A security device for securing a ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base collectively define a rectangular box-like structure, the device comprising:

first and second securing members each having: (i) a generally U-shaped member defining an opening for receiving a portion of the ~~lap-top~~ laptop cover when in an open position, (ii) a rigid base member spaced apart from the U-shaped member for extending under a portion of the ~~lap-top~~ laptop base, and (iii) a joining member joining the rigid base member and the U-shaped member;

the first securing member including an elongate arm extending therefrom; and

the second securing member including a locking device for telescopically receiving the elongate arm of the first securing member and for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second securing members away from each other when in an engagement position,

the openings defined by the U-shaped members of the first and second securing members opposing each other when the arm is telescopically received in the locking device so that when the ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer is in an open position, the cover and base can be received between and restrained by the securing members to secure the ~~lap-top~~ laptop when the locking device is in the engagement position.

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended): The security device of claim 17 wherein the locking device can be selectively secured at a plurality of locations along the arm and the U-shaped member, joining member and base member of the first securing member are configured to engage four sides of a first corner of a closed ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer, and the U-shaped member, joining member and base member of the second securing member are configured to engage four sides of a second corner of the ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer that is diagonal from the first when the ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer is in its closed position.

20. (previously amended): The security device of claim 19 wherein the locking arm is positioned to extend behind the cover when the security device is used to secure the laptop computer in an open position.

21. (previously amended): The security device of claim 17 including a cable attached to one of the securing members for connecting the security device to a structure.

Claims 22-26 (cancelled)

27. (previously re-presented): A security device for securing an equipment component, the security device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member for engaging a first portion of the component, and an elongate arm extending from the first restraining member; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member opposing the first restraining member for engaging a further portion of the component that is spaced apart from the first portion, and a releasable locking device for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other when in an engagement position;

the first and second restraining members each including a first pair of spaced apart opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the component in a first plane, and a second pair of spaced apart opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the component in a second plane, wherein a hole is defined through a portion of one of said first and second securing members for receiving a shaft to secure the first or second member to a support surface, the hole being positioned so that it is located between the component and the support surface when the security device is used to secure the component to the support surface.

28. (currently amended): A security device for securing a ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer, the ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base collectively define a rectangular box-like structure, the

device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member and an elongate locking arm extending therefrom; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member connected to a locking device for slidably receiving the arm and engaging the arm at a selected one of at least two possible engagement positions to prevent movement of the first and second securing members away from each other;

the first and second restraining members each including restraining means that are opposed when the locking arm is received in the locking device, the restraining means having means for engaging the cover and base of an open ~~[[lap-top]]~~ laptop computer to restrain movement of the laptop when the arm is received within the locking device at one of the at least two possible engagement positions, and means for engaging diagonally located corners of a closed ~~lap-top~~ laptop computer to restrain movement thereof when the arm is received in the locking device at another one of the at least two possible engagement positions, wherein a hole is defined through a portion of one of said first and second securing members for receiving a shaft to secure the first or second member to a support surface, the hole being positioned so that it is located between the computer and the support surface when the security device is used to secure the computer to the support surface.

29. (previously added) The security device of claim 7 wherein the locking device telescopically engages the elongate arm and is securable to the arm at a selected one of a plurality of locations along the length of the arm when in the engagement position, the arm including a plurality of ratchet teeth spaced along a length thereof, and said locking device has a pawl movable between a locked position in which the pawl engages a selected one of the ratchet teeth thereby preventing movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other, and an unlocked position in which the pawl is disengaged from the ratchet teeth such that the first and second restraining members can be moved away from each other, the pawl being spring loaded to permit the locking device to be telescoped onto the arm while preventing it to be removed therefrom when the locking device is in the locked position.

30. (re-presented - formerly dependent claim #25): A security device for securing a laptop computer having a cover and a base pivotally connected together for movement between an open position in which the cover extends at an angle from the base, and a closed position in which the cover and base are parallel to each other, the security device comprising:

a first securing member including a first restraining member for engaging a first portion of the laptop computer, and an elongate arm extending from the first restraining member; and

a second securing member including a second restraining member opposing the first restraining member for engaging a further portion of the laptop computer that is spaced apart from the first portion, and a releasable locking device for engaging the arm to prevent movement of the first and second restraining members away from each other when in an engagement position;

the first and second restraining members each including a first pair of spaced apart opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the laptop computer in a first plane, a further engagement member in spaced apart opposition to at least one of the opposed engagement members for restraining movement of the laptop computer in a second plane, and a joining member connecting the further engagement member to at least one of the opposed engagement members;

wherein, for each restraining member, the first pair of opposed engagement members are positioned to, when the device secures the laptop computer in the open position, receive there between a side edge portion of the cover and the further engagement member is positioned to, when the first pair of engagement members are receiving the side edge portion, extend under a portion of the base;

the joining members of the first and second restraining members each including a further pair of opposed engagement members for engaging a pair of orthogonal sidewalls at diagonally opposed corners of the laptop computer when the laptop computer is in a closed position.--